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CLAIMS

1. A record and replay apparatus comprising:  
5 medium; transducing means for reproducing a digital signal from a  
a control means for controlling a reproduction mode of  
said apparatus;  
means coupled to said transducing means for decoding  
said digital signal and deriving therefrom a signal indicative of a  
10 specific picture type; and,  
said reproduction mode having a first period of  
reproduction at a normal play speed and a second period of  
reproduction at a speed greater than said play speed, said first and  
15 second periods alternating with said first period initiated responsive  
to said signal indicative of a specific picture type.

2. The recording and replay apparatus of claim 1, wherein said  
second period of reproduction occurs during reproduction in one of a  
forward and a reverse direction.

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3. The recording and replay apparatus of claim 1, wherein said  
digital signal represents an MPEG stream.

4. The recording and replay apparatus of claim 1, wherein said  
25 specific picture type corresponds to an intra coded frame.

5. The recording and replay apparatus of claim 1, wherein said  
control means is responsive to a stored sequence having alternating  
play and fast play modes.

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6. A record and replay apparatus comprising:  
a source of an MPEG bit stream signal coupled to an input  
of said apparatus for recording;

5           a first transducing means for recording a digital signal  
representative of said MPEG bit stream;

          a control means coupled to said MPEG bit stream signal  
and generating a signal indicating an intra coded frame occurrence in  
said MPEG bit stream;

10          a second transducing means for recording and  
reproducing a reference signal; and,  
          means responsive to said indicating signal for generating  
an identifying signal for recording with said reference signal.

15          7. The recording and replay apparatus of claim 6, wherein said  
first transducing means reproduces said recorded signal in a  
reproducing mode comprising a sequence of play and fast play modes  
responsive to a stored sequence of play and fast play mode  
commands controlled by said control means.

20          8. The recording and replay apparatus of claim 7, wherein said  
control means initiates said reproducing mode responsive to said  
identifying signal coupled from said second transducing means.

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9. A recording and replay apparatus comprising:  
a source of an MPEG bit stream signal coupled to said  
apparatus for recording;  
5 means coupled to said MPEG bit stream signal for  
generating a record signal representative of said MPEG bit stream  
signal;  
a pair of record transducers each aligned for recording  
said record signal and having complementary azimuth angles; and,  
10 a control means coupled to receive a signal identifying an  
intra coded frame occurrence in said MPEG bit stream signal and  
controllably coupled to said generating means, wherein responsive to  
said identifying signal said control means enabling a record signal  
representative of an intra coded frame part of said MPEG bit stream  
15 for recording by one of said transducer pair having a specific azimuth  
angle.

10. A recording and replay apparatus comprising:  
a source of an MPEG bit stream signal coupled to said  
apparatus for recording;  
20 means coupled to said MPEG bit stream signal for  
generating a record signal representative of said MPEG bit stream  
signal  
a record transducer pair having complementary azimuth  
25 angles for recording said record signal;  
a recording head coupled to a control track signal  
generator and generating a control track signal for recording;  
a control means for receiving a signal identifying an intra  
coded frame occurrence in said MPEG bit stream signal, said control  
30 means being controllably coupled to generating means and to said  
control track signal generator; and,  
responsive to said identifying signal said control means  
enabling said generating means for coupling a record signal  
representative of an intra coded frame part of said MPEG bit stream  
35 for recording by one transducer of said transducer pair having a  
specific azimuth angle, and responsive to said identifying signal said  
control means modifies said control track signal for recording.

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11. An apparatus for recording and reproducing digital signals from a medium, said apparatus having a trick play reproduction method comprising the steps of:

5       a) sensing recorded I frame information;  
b) playing said recorded I frame information;  
c) initiating a fast play mode;  
d) sensing subsequent recorded I frame information;  
e) playing said subsequent recorded I frame information;  
10 and,  
f) controlling transitions between said play and said fast play modes responsive to a predetermined sequence.

12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said step a) comprises:  
15       sensing a recorded signal indicative of said recorded I frame information.

13. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said step c) comprises:  
20       servo controlling motion of said medium during said fast play mode.

14. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said step f) comprises:  
25       initiating said predetermined sequence responsive to said recorded signal indicative of said recorded I frame information.

15. A recording and replay apparatus with trick play reproduction mode comprising the steps of:

30       a) initiating a play mode;  
b) determining an average number of control track pulses occurring between I frames;  
c) selecting a trick play mode;  
d) counting control track pulses to determine an average value;  
e) testing a count for equality with said average number; and,  
f) initiating said play mode at count equality.

35       16. The recording and replay apparatus of claim 15, wherein said step b) additionally comprises:

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controlling average determination responsive to a reproduced I frame mark.

17. The recording and replay apparatus of claim 15, wherein  
5 said step b) additionally comprises:

controlling determination of average responsive to an I frame indicator decoded from reproduced data.

18. The recording and replay apparatus of claim 15, wherein  
10 said step d) additionally comprises:

controlling counting responsive to a reproduced I frame mark.

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